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Shelby County's Community Partnership Leads to Northaven Improvements

An alliance between Shelby County Government and the Northaven Community Development Corporation (Northaven CDC) has led to the renovation of two homes in the north Shelby County neighborhood. A dedication ceremony for the two homes will be on Monday, July 29, at 5171 Broken Oak Drive, 1 p.m.

"Our partnership with the Northaven CDC is a major step towards revitalizing this area of north Shelby County. This time a year ago, these two homes were abandoned and vandalized. Now, they're remodeled and they give a new look to the Northaven neighborhood," said Shelby County Mayor Mark H. Luttrell, Jr.

During the ceremony, two families will receive door keys to the houses: the one at 5171 Broken Oak Drive and another at 5036 Blacksmith Drive. The Northaven CDC, a program of Impact Baptist Church, plans to also renovate two more houses: one at 5158 Corkwood Drive and 5306 Braden Drive.

"We've been working in the Northaven community for many years through our work with the Northaven Community Association. Now, we've taken our efforts a step further. This grant from Shelby County Government addresses blight in the area, and most importantly, it offers nice and affordable housing to deserving families," said Pastor Michael Ellis.

All the renovations are through a \$36,000 donation to the Northaven CDC from Shelby County Government. The money was originally part of a \$600,000 agreement with Wells Fargo after allegations the company gave home loans to people that could not afford them.

The money had to specifically be used for new home loans through Wells Fargo, fixing up homes for the elderly and disabled, and anti-blight initiatives in the unincorporated areas of Shelby County.

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